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NARAIN KARTHIKEYAN CHARGES TO TOP FIVE FINISH IN SECOND SUPERFUND WORLD SERIES RACE AT JARAMA

Narain Karthikeyan charged from tenth on the grid to finish fifth in the second race of the opening Superfund World Series double-header at Jarama in Spain.

The Tata Carlin Motorsport driver, who retired from the first race after spinning out with a rear brake problem, made up ground early in the race, passing Jean-Christophe Ravier and Angel Burgueno early in the race.

After making his mandatory pit-stop on lap 16, Karthikeyan emerged in sixth place behind Enrique Bernoldi, who started from pole position. Unfortunately, a brief spin while attempting to pass Bernoldi cost Karthikeyan time, but when his Brazilian rival was served with a stop/go penalty he was able to move ahead of him into fifth place, which he held to the finish.

“It was an enjoyable race, and I had a good battles with Ravier and Burgueno. Fifth place is good, but it would have been nice to have taken second in the first race as well. We were on the pace all weekend, and it is good to have some points on the board.”

The championship now heads to Belgian circuit Zolder for its second round on the weekend of the 26/27 April.

“We need to get a win as soon as possible, and Zolder is a better track. Jarama is not my favourite circuit, as it has very few corners where you can make up time. We must build on the pace we showed this weekend.”

The Superfund World Series by Nissan visits nine different circuits across seven different European countries. Although the championship was only started last year, the World Series has established itself as the leading feeder series for Formula 1. Justin Wilson, Ricardo Zonta and Franck Montagny all earned Formula 1 contracts after their impressive performances in the series last season.

Karthikeyan is supported by TATA Group, JK Tyres and Amaron Batteries.